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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2006, applicants present the following amendment and remarks.

In addition, applicants have petitioned for a two (2) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including March 19, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.